

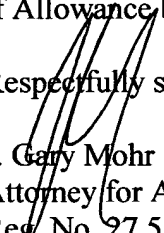
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5 and 7 have been withdrawn.

As to Claim 1 it has been amended to limit it to a single lumen catheter and to assist a beating heart. Therefore, since Andrews et al., U.S. Patent 5,865,721 is a co-lumen catheter that is used with a beating heart and both Stevens, et al., U.S. Patent 5,916,193 and Valley, et al. U.S. Patent 5,795,325, are not used with a beating heart the patent teach against combining and therefore one skilled in the art would not believe there would be any combination of the patents that would render the claims of the present application obvious. In addition, since claims 4, 9, 10 and 11 are dependant upon claim 1, neither Andrews nor Andrews in combination with Stevens or Valley renders claims 1, 4, 9, 10, and 11 obvious.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this Case.

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